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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election-of-Species requirement dated May 17, 2004,

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species IV, related to printer dot size.

Applicants understand that the Examiner will examine, for patentability purposes, generic

Claims 1, 7-12, and 18-22, as well as Claims 5 and 16. Applicants note that upon the

allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to rejoinder of claims directed to

Species within that genus.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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